ITDC has reported that no response was received in this regard.

In pursuance of the guidelines, ITDC Management had submitted to the Government wage revision proposals in respect of its executives for switching over to industrial DA. The employees have moved the Supreme Court for allowing the continuance of the Central DA pattern. The matter is sub-judice.

Workers' participation in management

2739. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of officials in the management of public sector undertakings under the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation who are half-hearted and reluctant in the implementation of the scheme of workers participation in the management. in spite of a number of announcements, policy and directives given by Government on the subject since 1983;

(b) if so, the names of the public sector undertakings and 'form' where the scheme of workers' participation in the management has been implemented under the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation; and

(c) whether any action is being taken against the responsible officials of the public sector managements where the scheme has not been implemented upto the Board level so far in the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No Sir.

(b) Air India and Indian Airlines have Labour Relations Committee set up under the Air Corporations Act. The International Airports Authority has joint management councils in which workers are represented. The Hotel Corporation of India has set up shop councils in 4 of its 5 units. In India Tourism Development Corporation, unit councils have been set up and functioning smoothly.

While action has been initiated to introduce the scheme for employees' participation in management, as laid down in the Government of India Resolution No. L. 56011/1|83 of 30th December, 1983, it has not been possible to implement the scheme because of difficulties face in bringing the large number of unions in different organisations to each a concensus on the manner in which the scheme should be implemented. In some cases, the unions have been lukewarm in their reaction to the scheme. Efforts are, however, being made to convince the unions and finalise the scheme.

(c) Does not arise.

Seizure of heroin by BSF

2740. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 329 Kgs. of heroin worth over Rupees 16 crore was recently seized by the BSF in Barmer, Rajasthan Indo-pak border;

(b) whether it is also a fact that with the tightening up of Punjab border, narcotic smugglnig activities have shifted to the Rajasthan and Gujarat borders; and

(c) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to curb the growing narcotic smuggling into the country from various points?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) 325.740. Kgs of heroin worth Rupees 16.28' 70,000/- were recently seized by the BSF deployed in Barmer Sector in Rajasthan.

(b) There is no such indication.

(c) Vigil has been tightened in several ways all along Indo-Pak border.

Mismanagement in Akbar hotel in Delhi

2741. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Nav Bharat Times' of the

28th July, 1985 under the caption 'Ghate Aur Billion se Pareshan Akbar' and 'Thath Baath Mein Apna Thath' regarding mismanagement in the Akbar Hotel in Delhi belonging to the India Tourism Development Corporation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The position in respect of main points raised in the news item is given below:

(1) It is an international practice to provide General Managers of hotels with residential accommodation in the hotel premises itself for operational reasons.

(2) There was no doubt marginal decline in profitability of both Ashok & Akbar hotels during 1984. Due to a variety of reasons, tourism to India as a whole has declined during 1983-84 and 1984-85 affecting occupancy in the hotels. Some accommodation especially at Akbar Hotel was, therefore, let out on a long-term basis which has improved the situation considerably. The profitability and occupancy of both these hotels has, however, improved during 1985-86 (April to July) as compared to the corresponding period in 1984-85.

(3) Renovation of Ashok Hotel was primarily done for NAM and CHOGM held in New Delhi. No renovation of this hotel, however, was done for the Foreign Commerce Ministers' Conference held in July, 1985. Renovation in hotels in done to improve the conditions of the rooms as well as the public areas, Renovation at the Akbar Hotel was undertaken as a regular 'on going' process.

(4) Regarding recruitment of the relations of the ITDC's officers, recruitment in the Corporation is made in accordance with Recruitment & Promotion Rules, Selections are made by duly constituted Selection Committes on merit.

(5) China Town Restaurant was licensed for speciality cuisine for which adequate expertise is not available with the ITDC.

(6) ITDC has initiated disciplinary action only against those employees who had fraudulently claimed LTCs without undertaking the journey.

(7) Accommodation in Ranjit hotel was allotted to Indian Oil Corporation and the same has since been vacated as per the terms of the agreement.

(8) Customers' complaints are promptly looked into and remedial action taken by the Hotel management.

The complaint regarding stoppage of air-conditioning in Akbar Hotel during June, 1985 was due to load-shedding. Pest control is exercised in all the ITDC hotels and steps are taken to ensure Pest free conditions.

Spending of foreign exchange by the ITDC

2742. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ITDC has been allowed to spend foreign exchange at the rate of ten per cent of its total earnings on its different activities;

(b) if so, the amount of the foreign exchange spent by the ITDC during the last three years with the details of the different activities;

(c) whether it is also a fact that with a view to exhaust the foreign exchange quota, bogus fictitious/unnecessary foreign pleasure tours are arranged to favour a few officials by the ITDC Management in the name of the business promotion; and

(d) if so, whether there is any check on such wastage of foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) India Tourism Development Corporation has been allowed to spend foreign